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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, VS, CE

SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 97854; COLOMBO 1378

1. IN RESPONSE REQUESTS TO SEE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, DCM WAS GIVEN APPOINTMENT INSTEAD WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, LAKSHMAN JAYAKODY, ON MAY 5 AND MADE PRESENTATION AS INSTRUCTED STATE 97854.

2. AFTER SEEKING AND RECEIVING ASSURANCE THAT VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WERE LEAVING VIET-NAM VOLUNTARILY, JAYAKODY CHOSE TO STRESS HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF PROBLEM. SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY, HE MADE NO MENTION OF POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES SRI LANKA WOULD HAVE IN ACCEPTING SOUTH VIETNAMESE FOR RESETTLEMENT (ALTHOUGH HE DID ASK IN HIS NAIVE FASHION WHAT VIET CONG THOUGHT OF REFUGEE QUESTION). JAYAKODY POINTED GENERALLY TO HIS COUNTRY'S SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BUT LEFT MATTER OPEN.

3. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE WISHED DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH ACTING PRIME MINISTER MAITHRIPALA SENANAYEKE, WITH MINISTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIAKE, AND WITH PRIME  
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MINISTER BANDARANAIAKEHOFTER HER RETURN FROM

ABROAD. HE WOULD THEN BE IN TOUCH WITH US  
FURTHER.

4. COMMENT: JAYAKODY SEEMS TO BE RESPONDING  
TO OUR REQUEST THAT, DESPITE OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES,  
GSL CONSIDER OUR APPROACH SERIOUSLY. BECAUSE OF  
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION HERE, HOWEVER,  
WE CAN HOLD OUT LITTLE HOPE THAT GSL WILL IN FACT  
AGREE TO HELP IN RESETTLEMENT EFFORT.  
VAN HOLLEN

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